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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, December 23, 2017

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Weather Impacts:** *No significant weather impacts.*

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# Key Points



## **Today, Tomorrow (Christmas Eve), Monday (Christmas Day)**

- Quiet weather with no significant impacts

## **Tuesday – Wednesday**

- Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms possible across the Region (except for NM) ; severe weather/flooding is not expected

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

## Dec 23, 2017 through Dec 27, 2017

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather					
Winter					
River Flooding					

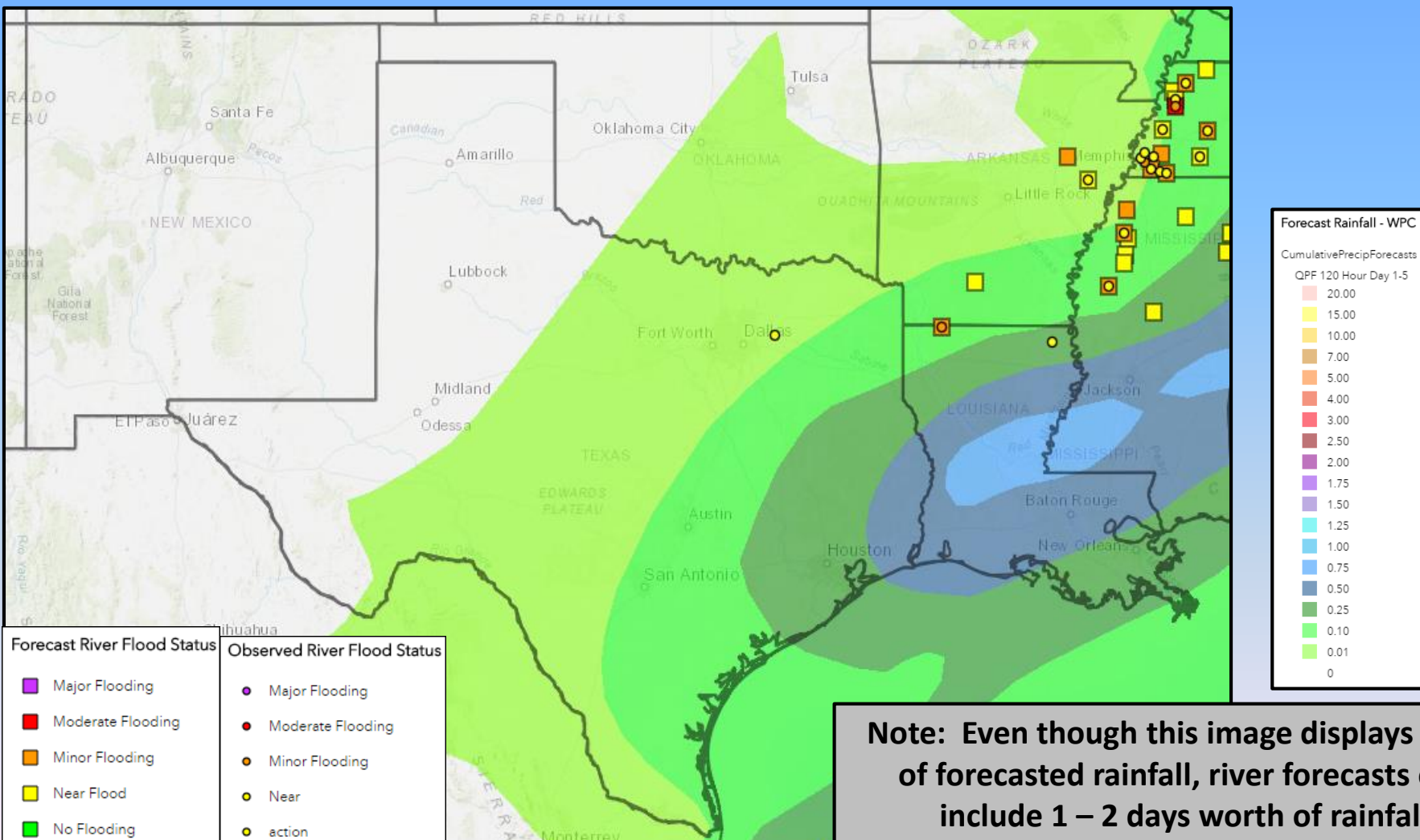
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

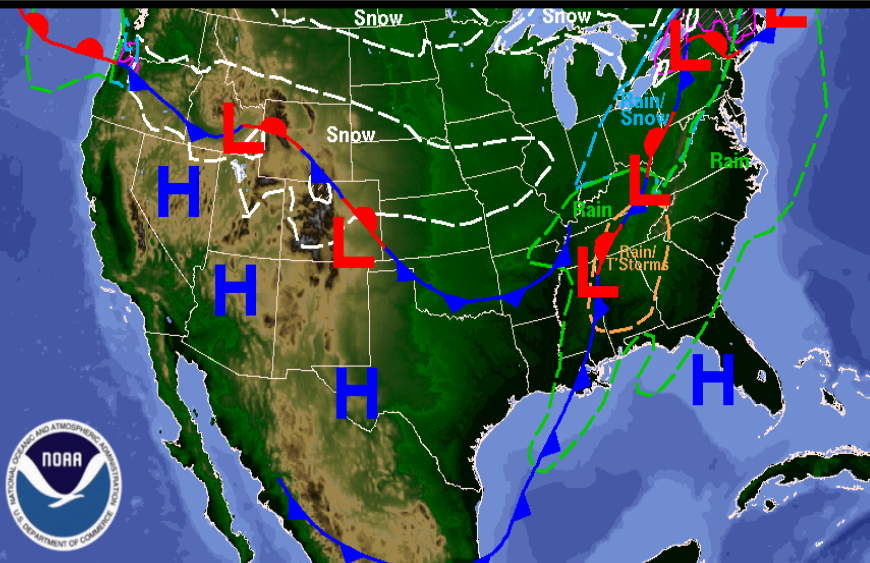
Very isolated minor river flooding will continue over NW LA & E AR for the next few days.  
No significant impacts.



**Note:** Even though this image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1 – 2 days worth of rainfall.

For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

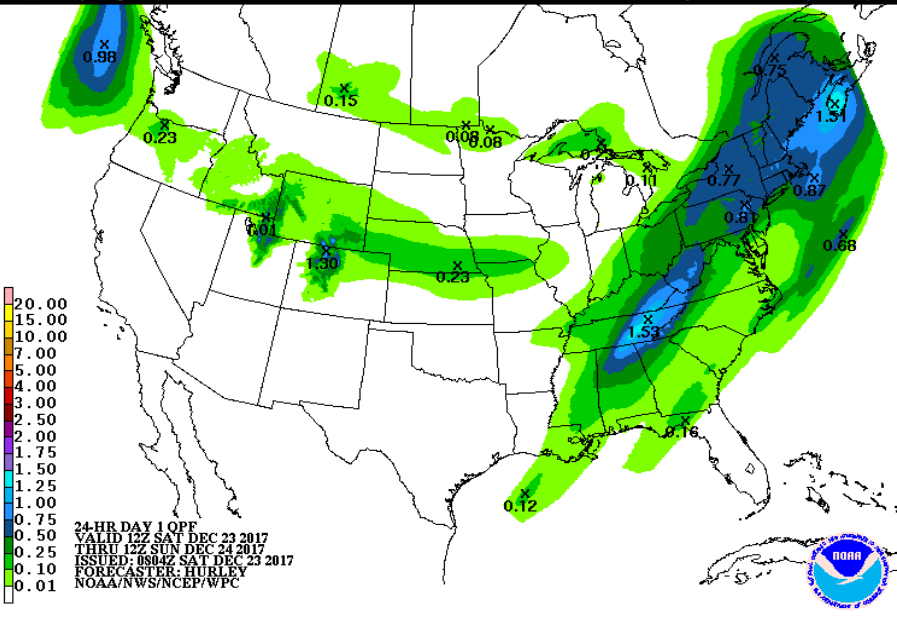
# Today's Weather



## Day 1 National Forecast Chart

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 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
 Prepared by Kong with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

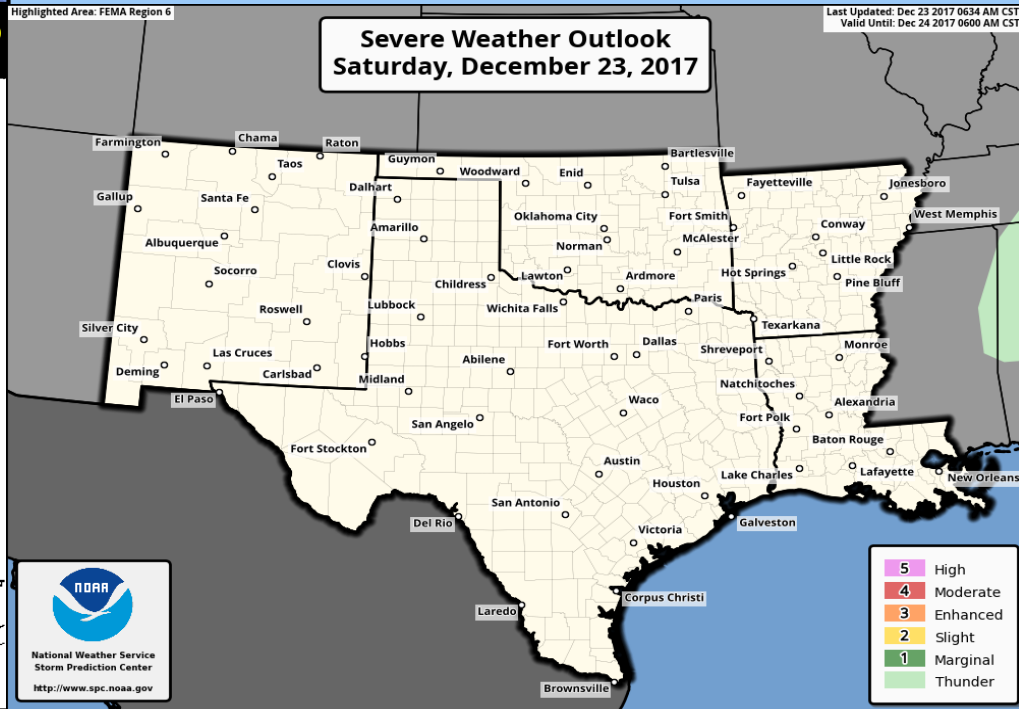
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 Rain and T'Storms  
 Rain and Snow  
 Snow  
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



No significant weather impacts expected.

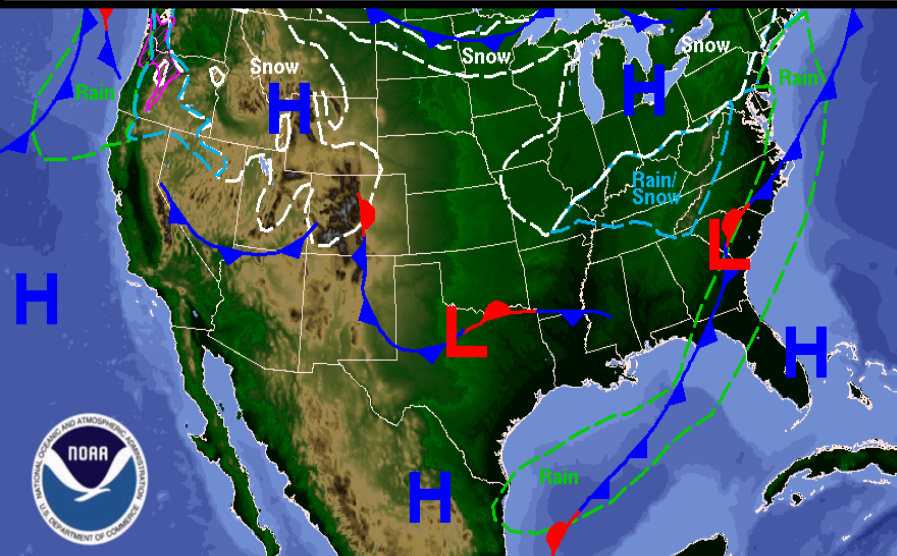
## Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, December 23, 2017

Last Updated: Dec 23 2017 0634 AM CST  
 Valid Until: Dec 24 2017 0600 AM CST





# Tomorrow's Weather

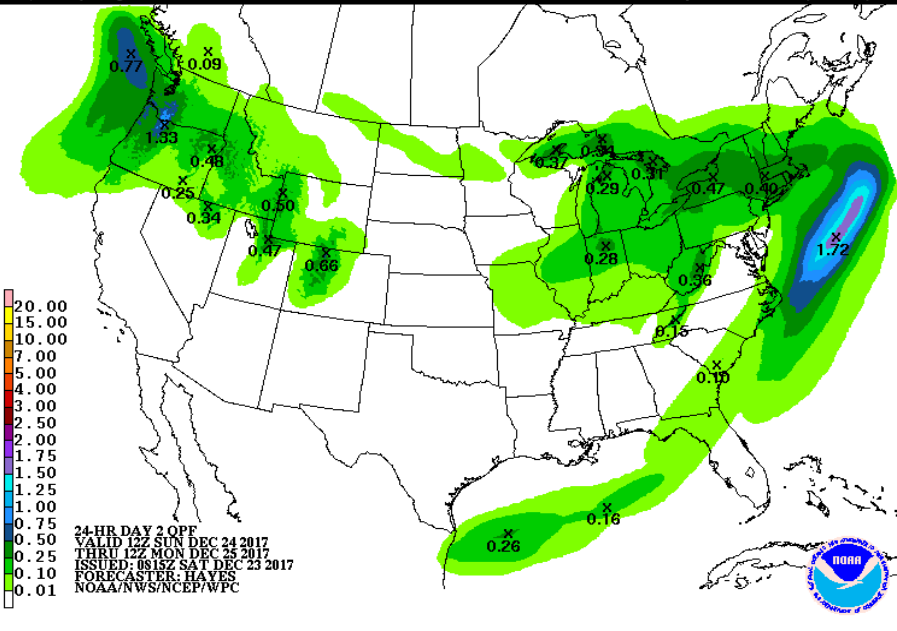


No significant weather impacts expected.

## Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Dec 24, 2017, issued 4:05 AM EST Sat, Dec 23, 2017  
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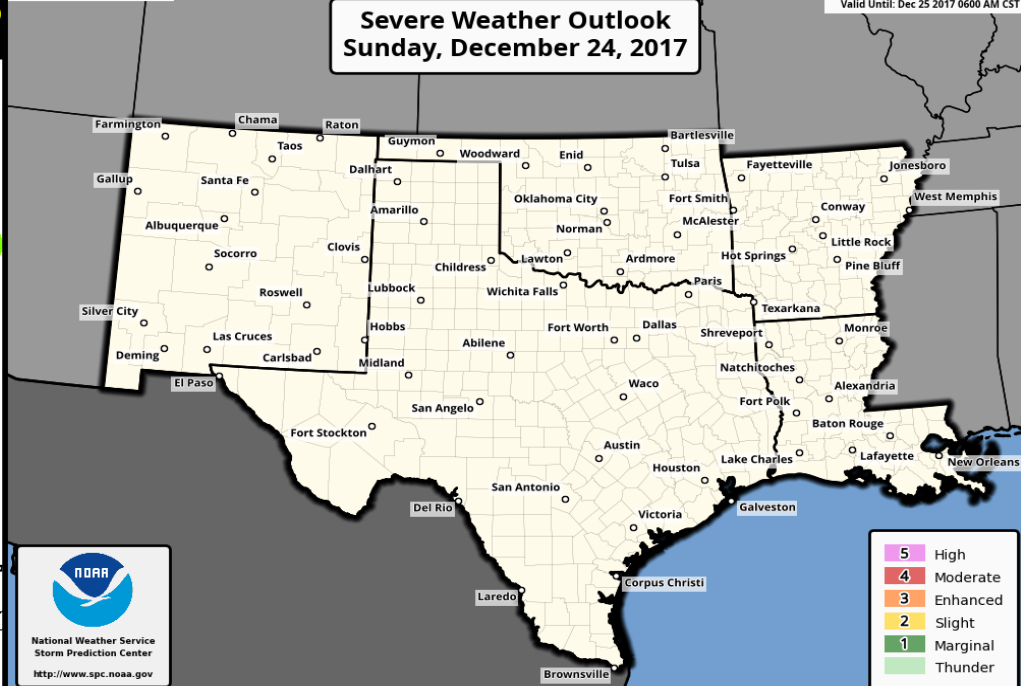
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 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



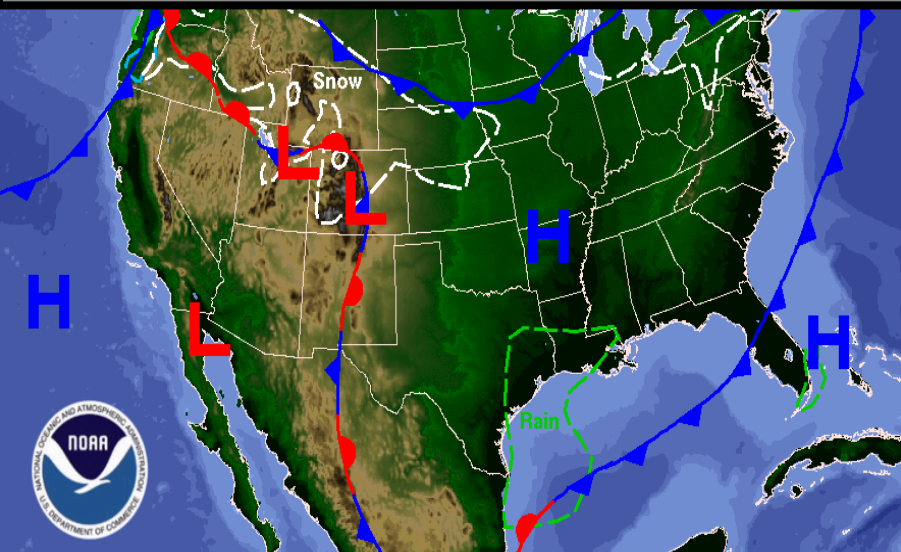
Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

## Severe Weather Outlook Sunday, December 24, 2017

Last Updated: Dec 22 2017 1033 PM CST  
 Valid Until: Dec 25 2017 0600 AM CST



# Monday's Weather

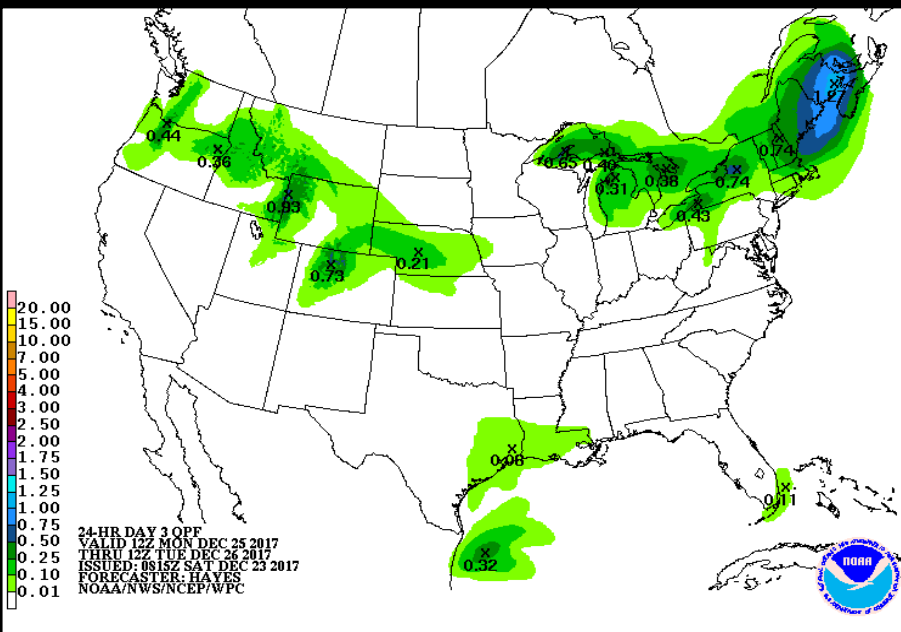


No significant weather impacts expected.

## Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Dec 25, 2017, issued 4:18 AM EST Sat, Dec 23, 2017  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kong with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow  
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

## Severe Weather Outlook Monday, December 25, 2017

Last Updated: Dec 22 2017 1058 PM CST  
Valid Until: Dec 26 2017 0600 AM CST



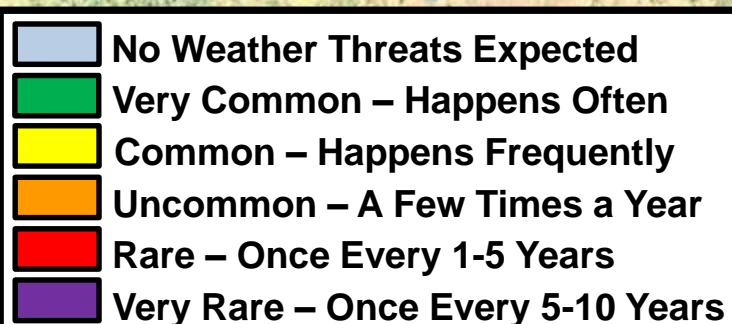


# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

## *Tuesday - Wednesday*



**No significant weather impacts expected.**



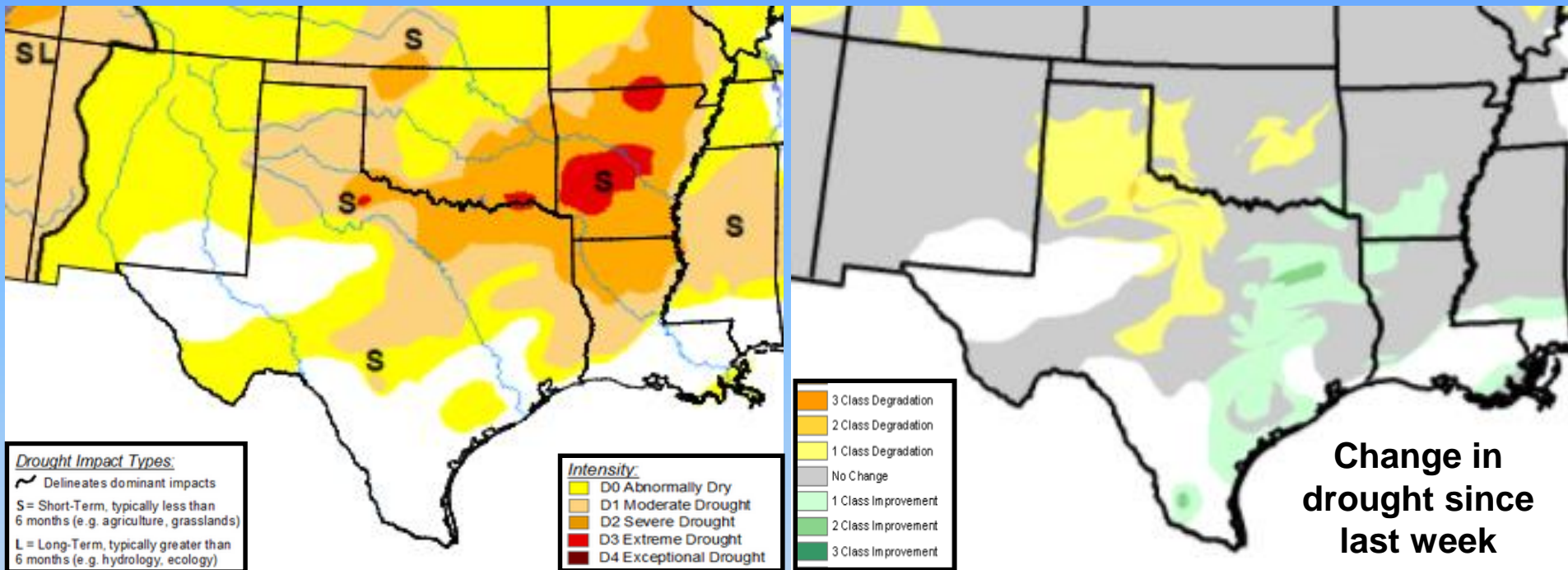
**\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.**





# Drought Monitor Released December 21, 2017

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, December 19, 2017



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	25.31%	42.40%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	7.07%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	1.21	3.12	0.00%	3.14%
Texas	0.25%	0.76%	0.00%	0.04%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

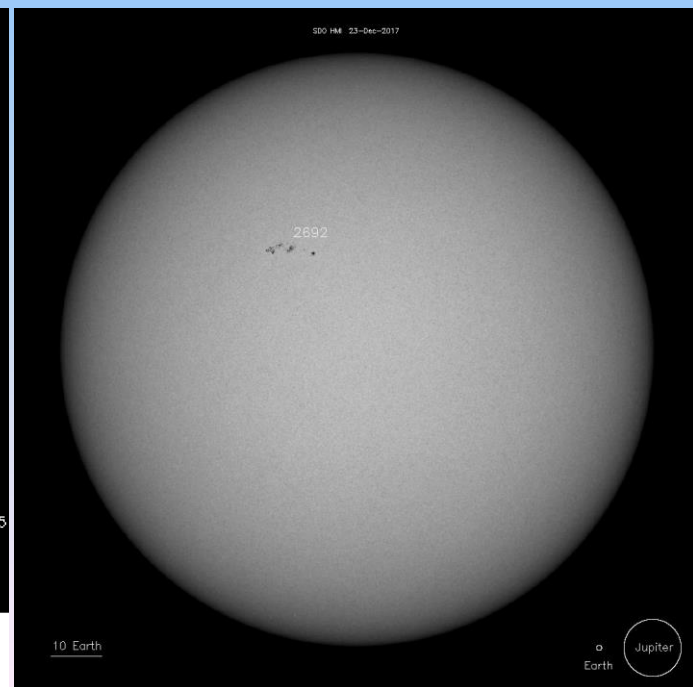
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>